

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 188

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the first graduating class of the Tennessee Fire Services and Codes Enforcement Academy and commend their laudable service to the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, in 1986, the Tennessee General Assembly had the foresight to establish the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Fire Services and Codes Enforcement Academy was designed and constructed on 330 acres in northern Bedford County between the communities of Unionville and Deason; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2002, the Tennessee Fire Services and Codes Enforcement Academy was officially opened; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Fire Services and Codes Enforcement Academy is a state-of-the-art training facility for emergency first responders and fire and safety code officials; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2003, the inaugural Firefighter 1/Recruit Course began at the Academy with twenty-four students in attendance from across Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, for the following eight weeks, these recruit firefighters attended 300 hours of training in a multitude of subjects including fire attack, first aid, hazardous materials, and rescue practices; and

WHEREAS, the students performed in an exemplary manner throughout their training; all twenty-four students passed both their written and practical examinations; and

WHEREAS, these recruit firefighters are now comprehensively trained and are ready to return to their fire departments to begin serving their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, at no time in the history of our nation has the role of emergency first responders been more critical to the safety of our homeland; and

WHEREAS, on the occasion of their graduation from the Tennessee Fire Services and Codes Enforcement Academy, it is most appropriate that we pause to recognize the willingness of these and all other firefighters to serve their fellow man; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate the first graduates of the Tennessee Fire Services and Codes Enforcement Academy, salute the selfless commitment of these individuals and all emergency first responders and firefighters to serving mankind, and wish them the best in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.